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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP-S45-23408 appears to disclose a method for bonding vanes in a torque converter. U.S. Patent No. 3,673,659 is the U.S. counterpart of JP-S45-23408, and is cited in lieu of a translation.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP-S61-140364 appears to disclose a method for brazing blades of sheet metal. An English language translation of the Abstract is provided herewith.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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